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From: Assunto, Carmen [Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/21/2019 1:25:44 PM
To: Yessenia Funes [yessenia.funes@earthier.com]
Subject: RE: Media Inquiry - Gizmodo Media Group

Ok, thank you. Carmen

From: Yessenia Funes <yessenia.funes@earthier.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 8:22 AM
To: Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Media Inquiry - Gizmodo Media Group

Thanks, Carmen. I sent a follow up this morning also asking about the RMP rule delay the Trump administration attempted.

Here it is in case:

Some scientists believe that this delay played a part in such disasters like this one in Texas happening. How does the EPA respond to this?

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On Thu, Mar 21, 2019 at 9:20 AM Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you for writing. I will get on your request right away. Thank you. Carmen

From: Yessenia Funes <yessenia.funes@earthier.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 3:36 PM
To: Adams, Adam <Adams.Adam@epa.gov>
Subject: URGENT: Will EPA look into chemical fire air pollution concerns

Good afternoon,

My name is Yessenia Funes. I'm a reporter with Gizmodo, a national science and tech news site.

I'm reaching out to see what updates the EPA has regarding the Deer Park chemical fire. I'm also curious if EPA is doing its own air quality monitoring separate from the TDEQ. There are community concerns that the state agency is fudging numbers. Can the EPA take any actions to secure the public they're safe?

I'm hoping to write something about this sometime tomorrow. Hope to get some more information from you all.

Thanks.

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Sincerely,

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